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New England Plastics Corporation

Woburn, MA 01801

MEMORANDUM

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Person Interviewed:

c/o New England Plastics Corporation 10 Cedar Drive Woburn, MA 01801

On Tuesday, March 21, 2006, I traveled to New England Plastics Corporation, 10 Cedar Drive, Woburn, Massachusetts to meet with the above-named individual. Upon arrival, I was greeted at the door by a gentleman that introduced himself as

I identified myself to him and advised him as to why I was there. He invited me in and lead me to a small conference room where we talked.

was interviewed on the basis of the following statements attributed to him, as making, at an earlier date. (1) "He observed a truck loaded with barrels driving away from the back of Whitney Barrel towards the tree-line behind Whitney Barrel Company, (2) He observed a trench, on Whitney Barrel property, which contained a liquid. This trench originated inside the building and extending out back.

does not recall making the above statements, but does recall speaking to an individual by the name of (EPA) on several occasions.

is a plastics engineer at New England Plastics Corporation and has been employed by that company for 32 years, since 1974. He, as a representative for New England Plastics, quite a while ago, approached Whitney Barrel to buy new barrels and also to have a "special" 55-gallon drum cleaned. This 55-gallon drum was specially designed to withstand a great deal of pressure but Whitney Barrel refused, saying they could not do it.

stated that on one occasion, his company (New England Plastics) purchased barrels (10 - 12) from Whitney Barrel Company. And in 1980, 1981, his company bought some structured steel (I-beams, T-bars, and U-channels) from Whitney Barrel. This was the extent of his company doing business with Whitey Barrel Company.

# Telephone Interviews on 7/24/87 and 5/19/88

### provided information as follows:

is currently employed as plant engineer at New England Plastics Corporation, Woburn, Massachusetts (NEP).

<u>Discussion about New England Plastics Corporation:</u>
Dates of employment: May 1, 1974 or 1975, to present

NEP produces custom plastic extrusions and vinyl siding.

stated that is welcome to look at his chemical records and that he has already sent such information to EPA, as part of the application process for an NPDES permit. He claims to have MSDS forms for most or all of the chemicals NEP uses.

Many oils are used at NEP; the oils are non-chlorinated petroleum byproducts and are primarily turbine oils.

NEP uses the following chemicals:

- Polychem 416: composed of aliphatic hydrocarbons, perchloroethylene, and methylene chloride; used as solvent; has been used since 1983; 55 gallons in plant at one time; approximately 13 gallons used per year; waste solvent collected in barrel; 40 gallons waste solvent collected so far--none has left building as waste yet; the compound is never "washed" off equipment; rags that are used to wipe up spilled solvent usually dry out before disposal; disposed rags are incinerated off-site in Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Tapfree and Alum Tap, two "high-tech" cutting oils; Tapfree contains TCE and methylchloroform in a solvent base; Alum Tap contains perchloroethylene in a petroleum base; three gallons of each are used each year; these compounds have been used off and on since 1974; before that year, was not employed with NEP and does not know if or how they were used; these compounds either evaporate or adhere to the steel they are applied to; rags used to wipe up spilled solvent are put into a garbage dumpster/compactor and are eventually taken offsite by Waste Management, Woburn, Massachusetts, and burned in Haverhill.

- ACTOSOl degreasers: evaporative, therefore no liquid waste; a variety of different types are used:
  - o WD40: aliphatic petroleum distillate; petroleum base; four cases of 12 ounce cans are used per year.
  - o LPS3 Rust Inhibitor: petroleum hydrocarbon; this product has been ordered only once.
  - o LPS electro-contact cleaner: contains trichlorotrifluoroethane; used to clean electrical contacts; used in specialized areas of the plant since 1983; two cases of twelve 12-ounce cans purchased per year.
  - o LPS degreaser: contains TCA, perchloroethylene; used since 1983; eight cases of twelve 20-ounce cans are used each year; one case is purchased at a time.
  - ND150: water soluble detergent; one 35-gallon drum purchased 1983; used once to wash down condensers and trucks with PVC; operation halted when PVC "washed out"; drum still at plant.

Before the solvents mentioned above were used, NEP used another type; is unsure of the nature of this earlier solvent but thinks it may have been Varsol; this solvent was possibly produced by Exxon and was a petroleum product; it was evaporative, but did not evaporate as rapidly as, for example, alcohol, and it would leave a film.

Prior to the early 1980's, NEP equipment was washed down with a bucket of solvent and a rag; the solvent was evaporative therefore solvent wiped onto machinery vaporized; this procedure was carried out once every year; this procedure was being used when started work at the plant, and was stopped in 1978 or 1979; does not know what happened to the solvent in the bucket.

### Discussion about Whitney Barrel Company:

NEP had barrels refurbished by the Whitney Barrel Company on a small number of occasions; does not know if had dealings with Whitney; NEP sent old solvent and plasticizer barrels to Whitney to be cleaned.

is familiar with Whitney property because he drove past it to work every day.

was on Whitney property once during 1979 or 1980 after Whitney's barrel-cleaning operation had shutdown and the company was merely selling scrap metal; noticed an odor about the building; a trench originating inside the building extended outside behind the building; does not know the purpose of the trench, but recalls that it had liquid in it.

Whitney stored clean barrels in front of the building; there Would be hundreds of these refurbished barrels stacked up at one time.

While driving past Whitney property in the early 1970's (at about the time of his switch from to NEP), noticed a truck loaded with barrels driving away from the back of Whitney's building toward the tree line behind Whitney property; assumed the truck was heading into the trees; did not witness the return of the truck or any off-loading of barrels.

never witnessed Whitney open a drum, dump the contents of a drum on the ground, or dispose of a drum.

### Discussion about Murphy's Waste Oil Co.:

Murphy's Waste Oil cut back on the types of oil it accepts for reclamation because of worries about possible oil contamination.



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### NEW ENGLAND PLASTICS CORPORATION Summary Screen

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The exact name of the Domestic Profit Corporation: NEW ENGLAND PLASTICS CORPORATION

**Entity Type:** Domestic Profit Corporation

Identification Number: 042028094

Date of Organization in Massachusetts: 05/21/1946

Current Fiscal Month / Day: 04 / 30 Previous Fiscal Month / D

The location of its principal office in Massachusetts:

No. and Street:

310 SALEM ST

City or Town:

**WOBURN** 

State: MA

Zip: <u>01801</u>

Country: US<sub>1</sub>

If the business entity is organized wholly to do business outside Massachusetts, the location of that off

No. and Street:

City or Town:

State:

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Name and address of the Registered Agent:

Name:

ROBERT D. KEARIN

No. and Street:

310 SALEM ST.

City or Town:

**WOBURN** 

State: MA

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#### The officers and all of the directors of the corporation:

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